

Life is all about making choices; it's not about the choices you were given, it's the choice you make. Even though we are not able to choose who our parents are, our family background, our race, we still have the choice to overcome these external factors, decide who we are, choose who we want to become.

When I was a small child who did not understand why I had to study, I chose not to heed my parents' advice to take examinations seriously. Of course I had to pay the painful price – a fierce scolding from my father. I then chose to study hard, and eventually I got great results and even a reward from my parents. I made that choice, to study hard.

No matter what you do, it is a choice you make. I made a choice that changed my life. I chose to enter Nanyang.

Actually, my father was really against my decision of coming into Nanyang. At that time, he thought that the O Levels were really important and necessary for my future. To him, the O Levels is a safety-net just in case I do not excel in my A Levels. Despite that, I made the choice to come into Nanyang.

This choice was not hard to make, but it was hard to maintain. At times, I feel the stress getting at me, and this makes me wonder why I didn't go to a school which is less competitive. Yet, looking back at the 2 years in Nanyang, it really did change my life, giving me the opportunity to try out new things that I've never dreamt of attempting, making me do the impossible things that I've never thought possible. It also changed my personality, and I have made many amazing friends. Sometimes, making choices is easy, but it is not when it comes to convincing yourself that you made the right choice.

There are times when there seems to be only one choice which you have to make. But if you choose to not follow that only way out, that's a choice as well.

Making choices may be really difficult at times. Sometimes, it has to be made by first instinct; at times the right choice does not even make sense; at times the choice made is not the righter way. "There are always two choices. Two paths to take. One is easy. And its only reward is that it's easy." Personally, I would want my choice to bring me a reward that is not easy to achieve. That's the challenge of a choice.